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For: MULTI-COMPONENT FIBERS, FIBER-CONTAINING MATERIALS MADE THEREFROM AND METHODS OF MAKING THE FIBER-CONTAINING MATERIALS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-8, 22 and 55-60 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the claims remaining in the application as follows:

9. (Amended) Fiber-containing material made from a plurality of multi-component fibers, each multi-component fiber including at least first and second segments, the first and second segments being made respectively of a first polymer material and a second polymer material different from the first polymer material, the first polymer material having a higher melt temperature than that of the second polymer material, the first and second segments having been at least